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SUBJ: GREEK-TURKISH AEGEAN DISPUTE: ROLE OF US COMPANIES

EMBASSY OFFICER ON JULY 11 CONTACTED DIRECTOR MOBIL
EXPLOARTION MEDITERRANEAN RICHARD STAUBLE TO ASK ABOUT
PRESS REPORTS THAT GOT HAD GRANTED LICENSE TO U.S. FIRM,
DORCHESTER GAS COMPANY, TO PROSPECT FOR OIL IN
AEGEAN (MOBIL AND DORCHESTER HAVE JOINT VENTURE IN EXPLORATORY
FIELD IN EASTERN TURKEY). STAUBLE SAID THAT TURKISH
PETROLEUM AUTHORITY (TPAO) HAD GIVEN FOUR NEW LICENSES
TO DORCHESTER FOR EXPLORATION NORTH OF IZMIR WITHIN TURKISH
TERRITORIAL WATERS. COMPANY HOPES TO DO SOME SEISMIC
WORK THIS YEAR, BUT DOES NOT HAVE A SURVEY VESSEL, AND WOULD
THEREFORE HAVE TO CONTRACT OUT TO FIRM SUCH AS
GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES INC (GSI). STAUBLE CONTINUED THAT
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ASHLAND OIL COMPANY, ANOUTHER US FIRM, HAS LEASE IN SAROS

GULF NEAR CANAKKALE, ALSO WITHIN TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS.
THIS FIRM PERFORMED SOME SEISMIC WORK LAST YEAR BY
CONTRACTING OUT TO COMPANY WITH SURVEY VESSEL.
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